(b) if so, the worth of material released to Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) whether Government will take steps to release the amount instead of material to Himachal Pradesh under the above programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During 2000-01, materials worth Rs. 89.06 lakhs have been provided to Himachal Pradesh under National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP). As per the existing pattern under NAMP, the Central assistance to Himachal Pradesh is provided only in kind and there is no proposal to modify the pattern.

Manufacture of Fake Drugs

2316. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Fake drug makers invested crores to make a killing", which appeared in the Times of India, dated 10th July, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how makers of fake drugs were able to make a large number of drugs of all brands, shapes and sizes;

(c) the number of persons arrested, so far, in Delhi, Haryana and other parts found dealing in fake drugs and from where they procured machines for this purpose; and

(d) the preventive measures Government have taken to stop entry of fake drugs in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information furnished by the State Licensing Authority, Government of NCT, Delhi, details of spurious drugs detected in Delhi during the year 2000-2001 together with the action taken is given in the statement (*See* below).

Manufacture and sale of Spurious medicines is a clandestine activity indulged in by antisocial and unscrupulous persons. Steps are taken from time to time by the enforcement authorities of the States to detect and unearth spurious/fake drugs moving in inter-State commerce. Recently, the Delhi police

and officers of Delhi Drugs Control Department, Government of NCT, Delhi have jointly detected an interstate spurious drug racket clandestinely manufacturing, selling and distributing fake medicines. The police have seized huge stock of drugs from their possession of different brands of medicines including antibiotics, antipyretics and analgesics, vitamins, anti-TB drugs and two brands of Ayurvedic preparations.

(c) Delhi Police have so far arrested six persons. Since the arrested persons were found manufacturing spurious/fake medicines without a licence, the police also took into possession the machinery and equipment installed in the premises and used for the purpose.

(d) Enforcement of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereof is done by State Drugs Control Authorities. The Drugs Controller General (India) has advised the State Drugs Controllers to take the following measures for curbing the incidence of spurious drugs:—

(i) Constitution/reactivation of State Drug Advisory Committees in which various trade and industry associations as well as consumer associations should find representation.

(ii) Establishment of separate intelligence-cum-legal machinery with police assistance.

(iii) Training should be provided to selected Officials of Drug Control Administration in the modalities of intelligence work, prosecution etc. in respect of Spurious/Counterfeit drugs.

(iv) To ensure speedy analysis of drugs samples by establishing own state level drug testing facilities.

(v) State Drugs Licensing Authorities to be cautious while approving licences for drug products to ensure that "look- alike" products are not encouraged.

(vi) To develop efficient communication facilities and recall procedures.

(vii) To undertake surveillance of suspected dealers.

(viii) To engage experienced counsel for fighting spurious drug cases.

(ix) To obtain cooperation of Pharmaceutical Industry by regular interaction with them.

(x) To collect survey samples under National Survey Quality Evaluation of Drug (NSQUED) programme.

To ensure manufacture of qualitative drugs/medicines in the country Good Manufacturing Practices is a statutory requirement under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. These provisions are being upgraded.

The All India Organisation of Chemist and Druggist Association (AIOCD) holds National Pharmacy Weeks from time to time to create awareness among the public Do's and Don'ts for consumers are also published.

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Director General of Health Services (DGHS) on July 18, 2001 to go into all aspects of the menace of spurious drugs and suggest remedial measures.

Statement

Details of spurious drugs detected during 2000-2001 and action taken

S. No.	Sample taken on/Name of D1 & File no	Details of Spurious drugs	Name and address of the person/ firm from whom sample drawn	Reasons of failing	Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	19.06.2000 Mr. P. Arivazhagan 19(277)/2000-2001	Combiflam Tabs. B.No. 319395 purported to be mfd. By M/s Hoechst Marion Roussel Ltd., Bangalore-560058.	M/S rushir Medicos, 55-A Railway Road, Narela Delhi	Identification Negative for Ibuprofen.	Under Investigation
2.	19.06.2000 Mr. P. Arivazhagan 19(278)/2000-2001	Erythromycin Estolate Tabs. I.P. (Althrocin-250) B No. 89525, purported to be mfd. by M/s Pan Pharma Panalay- 389350. Distt. Panchamahal, Gujarat.	—do—	Identification Negative for Erythromycin Estolate Tabs.	Under Investigation
3.	19.06.2000 Mr. P. Arivazhagan 19(279)/2000-2001	Cephalaxin Caps. I.P. (Phexin Caps.) B.No. U- 610 purported to be mfd. by M/s Capsulations Services Ltd. Mumbai-08	—do—	Identification Negative for Cephalexin	Under Investigation

1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	11.9.2000 Mr. P. Arivazhagan 19 (546)/2000-2001	Spasmalgon Tabs. B.No. 030599 purported to be mfd. by M/s Pharmachin Bulgaria	Mr. Chander Prakash Marwah, Person Incharge/ Tenant of Shri Prahlad Singh Godown No. 1256/1 Vill. & O.P.Nangal Dewat N. Delhi-37	Identification Negative for Metamizol	Prosecution launched on 26.6.2001

News-item "India has slipped in health: Report"

2317. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news- item captioned, "India has slipped in health: Report" which appeared in the Times of India, dated 14th July, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems of dismal report card of the country's health as highlighted in the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Government are aware about the news item captioned "India has slipped in health: Report" published in the Delhi edition of the Times of India on 11th July, 2001. The news item has commented on the stagnation in decline of the infant mortality rate, decline in immunization coverage levels and prevalence of high rates of malnutrition among children.

Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, immunization against six vaccine preventable diseases, facilities for appropriate management of acute respiratory infections, Oral Rehyderation Therapy (ORT) for management of diarrhoeal diseases; and essential newborn care services are provided to reduce infant mortality. Promotion of exclusive breastfeeding and appropriate complementary feeding practices, and prophylaxis against Vitamin-A and iron deficiency anemia are also being provided to improve the nutritional status of children.

In addition to the Immunization Strengthening Project, schemes have been launched in weaker districts to improve the access of the people to Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Services. These include RCH Outreach Scheme; RCH Camps; Dai Training Programme and the Border District Cluster Strategy Project.